

## CLAIMS.

I claim:

1. A necklace comprising:

5                   a strand having two ends,  
                  a hook component attached to each end of the strand,  
                  the hook components capable of interaction with reversible attachment of  
the ends together,

                  at least one band fixedly attached to the strand,

10                  two or more beads,

                  each bead having a bore of diameter greater than the diameter of the band  
and greater than the diameter of the hook component attached to one end of the strand,  
thereby allowing the stringing of the bead on the strand, and

                  at least one keeper having a bore and an outside diameter greater than the  
15       bore of the bead,

                  the keeper capable of interacting with the band with reversible attachment  
of the band and keeper, thereby restricting the movement of the bead on the strand.

2. The necklace of claim 1 wherein the bore of the keeper is threaded on its  
surface and the band is threaded on its external surface, the threaded surfaces of the  
20       keeper and band capable of interaction, thereby reversibly fixing the threaded keeper on  
the strand.

3. The necklace of claim 1 wherein the keeper comprises two hollow sections  
hinged together, each section having two walls, each wall having a notch, each notch of  
depth approximating one half the diameter of the strand, the sections and the band  
25       capable of interaction by the hinged keeper engulfing the band, thereby reversibly fixing  
the hinged keeper on the strand.

4. The necklace of claim 3 wherein the sections are reversibly secured in a closed position by a latch attached to one section.

5. The necklace of claim 1 further comprising at least one threaded keeper and at least one hinged keeper.

5           6. The necklace of claim 5 wherein the threaded keeper and the hinged keeper further comprise decorative elements.

7. The necklace of claim 6 wherein the decorative element of the threaded keeper differs from the decorative element of the hinged keeper.

10           8. The necklace of claim 2 wherein the threaded keeper has any three-dimension geometric shape.

9. The necklace of claim 3 wherein the hinged keeper has any three-dimension geometric shape.

10. The necklace of claim 2 wherein the threaded keeper has a cylindrical, spherical, cubic, or pyramid shape.

15           11. The necklace of claim 3 wherein the threaded keeper has a cylindrical, spherical, cubic, or pyramid shape.

12. The process of reversibly restricting the movement of beads on a strand, wherein the beads have bores and are strung on a strand by their bores, and a band having an external diameter less than the diameter of the bead bores is fixed on the strand, comprising the step:

a.       attaching to the band a keeper having an external diameter greater than the bead bores.

13. The process of claim 12 wherein the band has an external thread and the keeper has a threaded bore, the keeper attached to the band by the steps comprising:

25           a.       threading the keeper onto the strand,  
          b.       bringing the keeper and the band into contact, and

- c. rotating the keeper, thereby engaging the band and keeper threads and attaching the keeper to the band.

14. The process of claim 12 wherein the keeper has two hollow sections hinged together comprising the step:

- 5 a. positioning the hinged keeper over a band, and
- b. closing the hinged keeper over the band, thereby attaching the keeper to the band.